

Conclusion

All of the objections and rejections raised by the Examiner have been addressed by Applicant. Attorney for Applicant has carefully reviewed the cited references and believes that the claims presently on file in the subject application are patentably distinguishable with respect to the prior art.

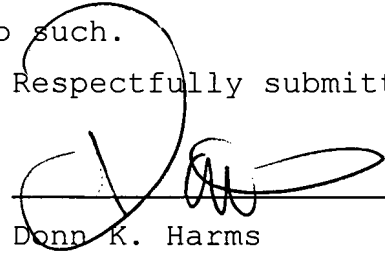
Applicant considers the device herein a major improvement in the area of car engaged rack devices. However even if not considered major by the Examiner, it should be noted that the CCPA in the recent case of *re Meng and Driessen*, 181 USPQ 94, on page 97, reiterated the principal that even though the invention seems a simple advance over prior art, *after the fact*, simplicity, argues *for*, rather than against patentably.

Considering that Applicant's device has elements neither taught or suggested in any one or combination of cited prior art, and, considering that major as well as minor improvements in the art, argue *for* patentability, the claims of the patent should now be allowable.

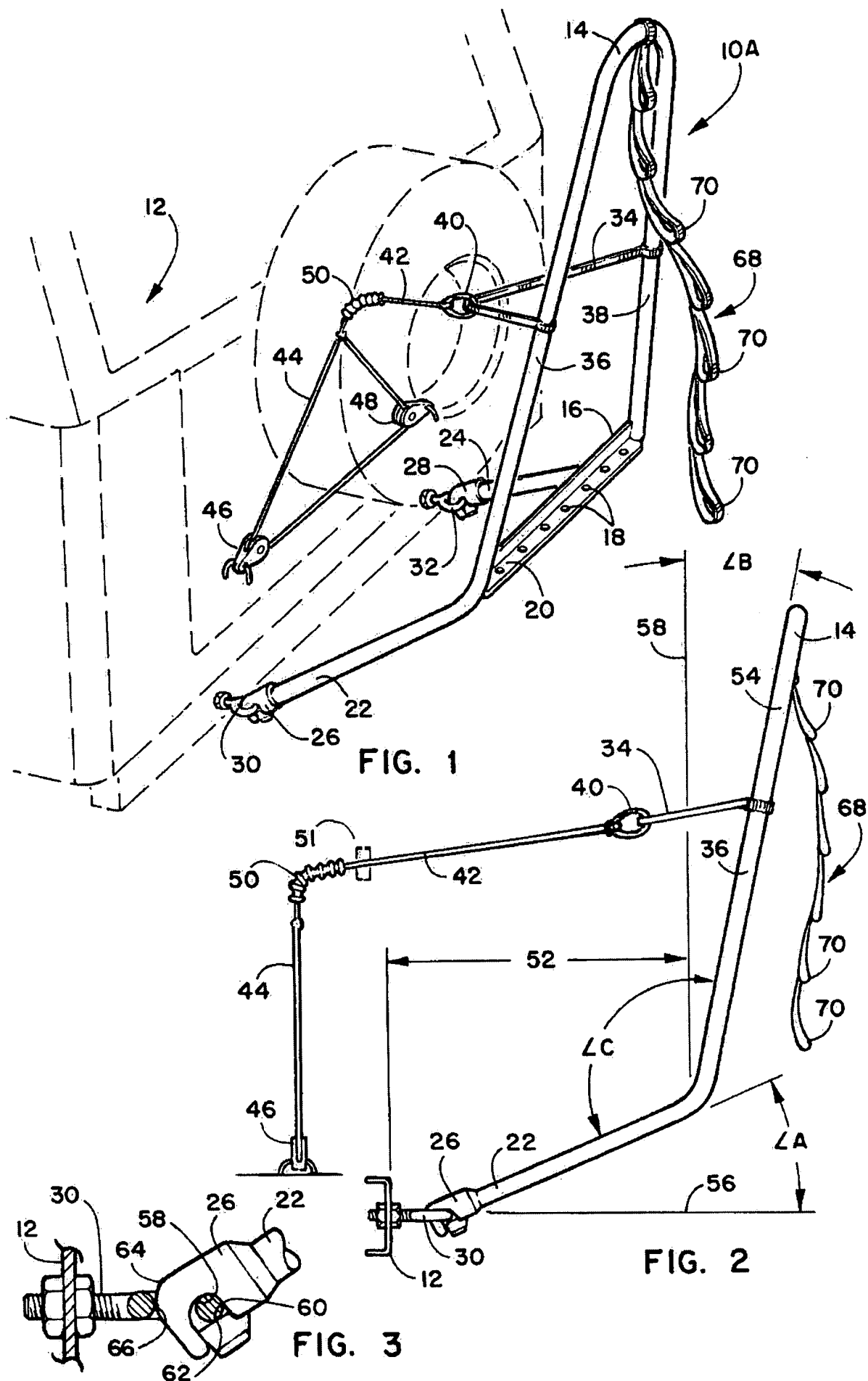
As such, Applicant submits that all of the claims of record are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case in due course.

Should the Examiner have any further questions or concerns the Examiner wishes to address by Examiner's amendment by telephone or otherwise, or should the Examiner have suggestions to more clearly define the subject matter of the claims to more clearly define the patentable subject matter, the Applicant's attorney would be most receptive to such.

Respectfully submitted,



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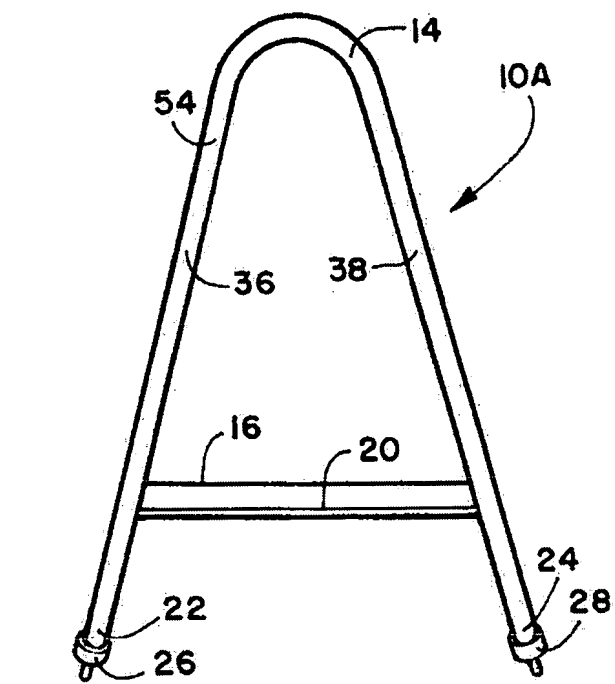


FIG. 4

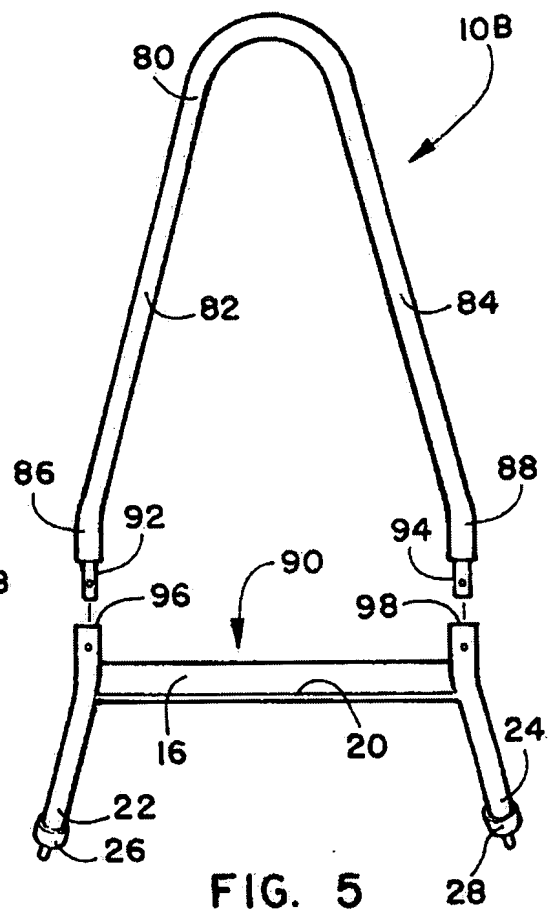


FIG. 5

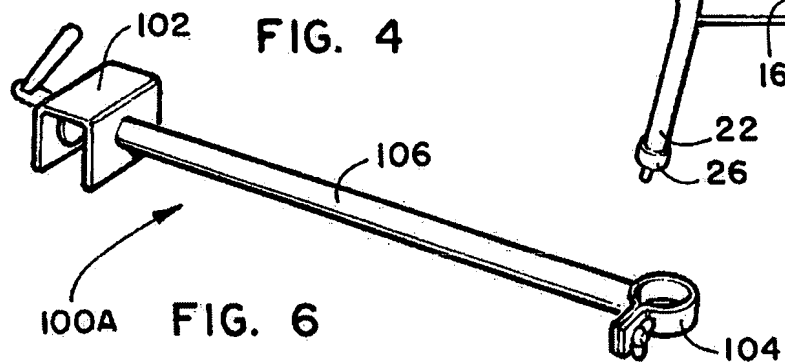


FIG. 6

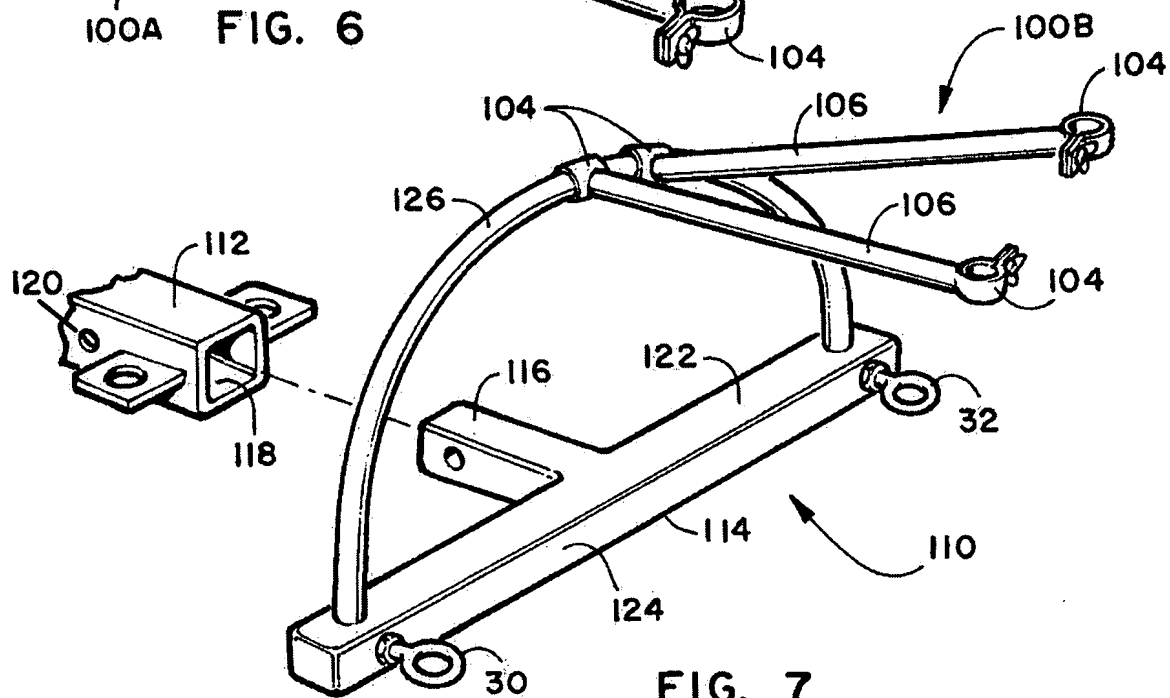


FIG. 7